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Starting of new industries.

* 1518 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state with reference to clause (*e*) of question No. 651 answered on 26th November 1928—

(*a*) the various new industries that the Director of Industries is intending to start; and

(*b*) the probable capital and annual cost of each?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given on 29th November 1928 to clause (*e*) of question No. 812 asked by Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar. The Director of Industries has been asked to work out in sufficient detail a definite programme of experiments with information as to when each of the experiments will be undertaken, the probable period required for each experiment to reach the stage of production on factory scale, the staff necessary for the conduct of each and the annual expenditure likely to be entailed in undertaking the experiments. This report is awaited. During the year 1929–30 it is proposed to conduct in the Government Industrial Institute, Madras, experiments in the manufacture of lampblack, the capital and recurring expenditure on which is estimated at Rs. 2,000 and 1,000 respectively.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"Is it intended to make new discoveries first and then start those industries, or do they want to popularize the industries already existing?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"There is no idea of discovering any new industries now."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"I understand that experiments are being made with regard to certain industries, which may be successful or not. Are the Government not going to encourage and popularize the industries already in vogue? Is it not the object of the department to popularize the existing industries?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"That is what they are trying to do."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"Are the Government going to start any new industries?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"The matter is under consideration."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"For how long?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"As soon as we get the report from the Director of Industries, the matter will be considered."

Work done by the water diviner.

* 1519 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any water diviner was appointed by the Government for some time;

(*b*) if so, for what period;

(*c*) at what salary;